

# 2013 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN HEARINGS



TENNESSEE ECONOMIC  
COUNCIL ON WOMEN



The Tennessee Economic Council on Women will convene nine public hearings in 2013 to explore *the economic impact of violence against women in Tennessee*. From law enforcement and court costs to healthcare, social services and business concerns, violence perpetrated against women is costing Tennesseans millions, and the Council's efforts will better define that expense for use by leaders, policymakers, and advocates statewide.

## ATTEND A HEARING NEAR YOU!

### May 3rd - Crossville, TN

Crossville City Hall

Jane Powers & Carmen Wyatt, Co-Chairs

### May 16th - Nashville, TN

Belmont University, Massey School of Business

Massey Board Rm., 4th Floor, 1900 Belmont Boulevard

Yvonne Wood & Mimi Barnard, Co-Chairs; Committee: Veronica Marable Johnson, Sen. Mae Beavers, Susan Huggins, Janice Son-tany, Susan Whitaker

### May 22nd - Knoxville, TN

UT Extension, Eastern Reg. Office

1801 Downtown West Blvd

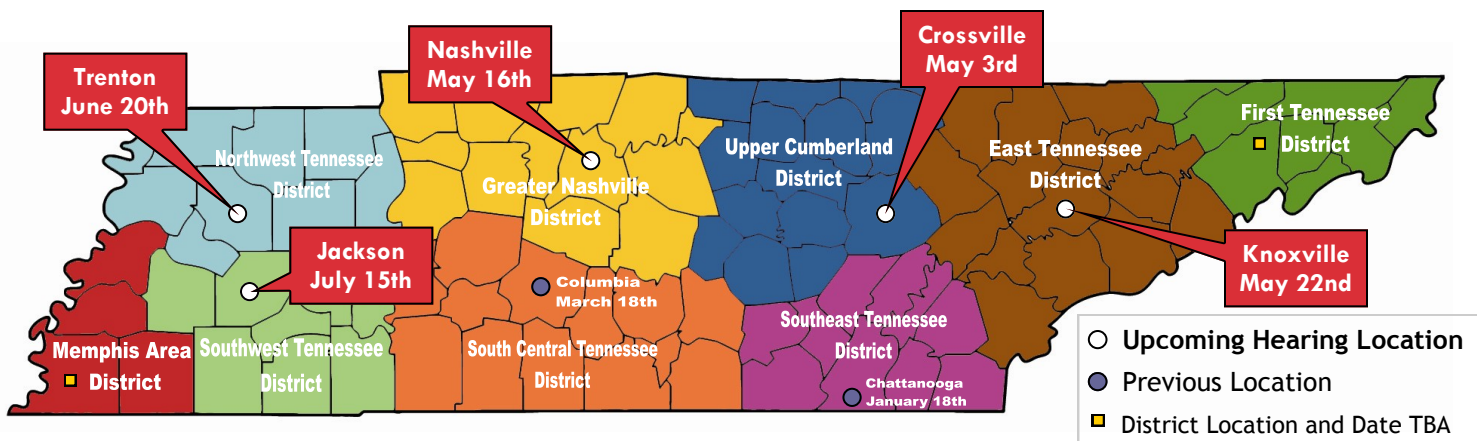
Dena Wise, Chair; Ruby Miller, Pat Pierce & Wendy Pitts Reeves, Co-Chairs

### June 20th - Trenton, TN

Location TBA: Carol Danehower & Shawn Francisco, Co-Chairs

### July 15th - Jackson, TN

Location TBA: Kathleen Armour Walker, Chair



## Upcoming Hearing Locations

- Dates Coming Soon -

**Memphis Area Development District**  
Deborah Clubb & Kristi Stanley, Co-Chairs

**First Tennessee Development District**  
Elliott Moore, Chair

TECW hearings are open to the public. If you would like to attend or participate in future hearings, please contact the Tennessee Economic Council on Women at 615-253-4266 or [info.ecw@tn.gov](mailto:info.ecw@tn.gov). Information current as of February 25, 2013.



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# TENNESSEE ECONOMIC COUNCIL ON WOMEN



## ABOUT THE COUNCIL

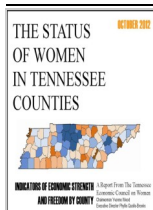
### WHO WE ARE

The Tennessee Economic Council on Women is a state agency with 21 appointed members and an Executive Director. The Governor appoints six members. The Speakers of the Tennessee House of Representatives and Senate appoint nine Tennesseans to represent the state's nine development districts, and two members from each chamber. The Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators and the Women's Legislative Caucus each make one appointment.

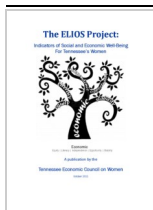
**WHAT WE DO** The One Hundredth General Assembly created the Tennessee Economic Council on Women (TCA § 4-50-101, *et seq.*) to address the economic concerns and needs of the women in Tennessee. These concerns and needs include, but are not limited to, employment policies and practices, educational needs and opportunities, child care, property rights, health care, domestic relations and the effect of federal and state laws on women.

The Council conducts research, holds hearings, develops recommendations and policy, educates the public and engages in activities for the benefit of women. It is authorized to request funds from the federal government and private sources. The Council consults with and reports to the Governor, the Women's Legislative Caucus, the General Assembly and the pertinent agencies, departments, boards, commissions and other entities of state and local governments on matters pertaining to women.

### Recent Publications



**The Status of Women in Tennessee Counties:** A study of indicators ranging from median income and the wage gap, to educational attainment, healthcare access and standards of living (2012)



**The ELIOS Project Report:** Equity, Literacy, Independence, Opportunity and Stability—Indicators of Social and Economic Well-Being For Tennessee's Women (2011)

**The Economic Impact of Violence Against Women in Tennessee**  
(Coming in October 2013)

**OUR VISION** To address and improve the economic status of women in Tennessee

**OUR MISSION** The Tennessee Economic Council on Women is an economic advocate for women. It assesses Tennessee women's economic status and develops and advocates solutions to address women's economic needs to help them achieve economic autonomy, and includes, but is not limited to employment policies and practices, educational needs and opportunities, child care, property rights, health care, domestic relations and the effect of federal and state laws on women.

### Tennessee Facts

#### Women have higher rates of domestic violence victimization and intimate partner homicide than men in Tennessee.

- In 2011 60,718 women and 23,745 men were victims of reported domestic violence in Tennessee, and 96 women were murdered by their intimate partners; the third highest number in the nation.

Source: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. Crime in Tennessee 2011.

#### Women are more likely than men to be in poverty.

- In 2011, roughly 19.7 percent of women in Tennessee were living in poverty, as were 16.8 percent of men.
- In 2011, 9.2 percent of employed women over 16 years old were in poverty, compared to 7.3 percent of employed men.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. 2011 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, 'S1701: Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months'.

#### Education pays for both women and men, but the pay gap persists, with women earning 72 percent of male wages on average.

- The earnings of men and women at similar education levels and within the same occupation continue to show a gender wage gap, and that gap broadens as higher age groups are considered, with female income growth leveling out and declining earlier in life.

Source: Tennessee Economic Council on Women. The Economic Impact of Wages and Earnings for Tennessee Women. 2009.

#### Health insurance coverage has declined for all women over the last decade but is lowest among minority populations.

- Health Insurance coverage has declined for all women over the last decade. In 2000, 91.3% of Tennessee women under 65 had some form of health care coverage. The latest data published in 2010 reflects 84.3% had coverage.

Source: Tennessee Economic Council on Women. The Status of Women in Tennessee Counties. 2012.